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December issue of Pastulan

We are inviting families/individuals, groups and organizations to submit articles (on any topic) and/or photos of personal and organizational events (please include a short description) for our December issue.

For those interested, email us at fccpastulan@yahoo.com (photo files must be in JPEG format)

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Catechism

Ooops, why the sudden change?

This coming November 27, one would easily notice some changes in the celebration of the Eucharist. The priest wears a (bluer) violet stole, no singing or even recitation of 'Glory to God', no elaborate decoration on the altar are just some of the changes which will run until before Christmas (Simbang Gabi as an exception uses white stole). These changes mark the season of Advent, which is the beginning of the Church's calendar in the Roman Church.

Advent is the season of expectation of the Christ and it is somewhat penitential in tone. It is four weeks long, or slightly less, the first two focusing on Jesus' final coming as Lord and Judge. The final eight days anticipate his coming in history.

Advent has two-fold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs our mind and heart to await Christ's second coming at the end of time. Advent, thus, is a period of devout and joyful expectation.

Truly this season of Advent would become fruitful if each

heeds its penitential call, which will eventually make us spiritually prepared to offer Christ a manger in our hearts when we celebrate Christmas. Let the penitential call of this season move us to confession and other forms of penance and charitable works.

Happy Together

Cemeteries would likely be a happy and crowded place again especially in the Philippines this November 1 and 2 as we celebrate **The Solemnity of All Saints and Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed**. What is meaning of these feasts that we annually celebrate?

These two feasts are confirmations to a doctrine we hold dear in our Catholic faith, which is in fact already found in the Apostles Creed by the late 5th century—the doctrine on the Communion of Saints. This is a doctrine which understands the church as a fellowship or a community of all the faithful, living and dead, called together by God and transformed in Christ and the Spirit. This whole community is present and is most effectively expressed and

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SIMBANG GABI will start on 15 Dec. (Thursday) at 7:00 p.m.

Masses will be simultaneously held at the following churches:

- Pfarre Maria vom Berge Karmel
 Stefan Fadinger Platz 1
 1100 Vienna
- Christus, Hoffnung der Welt
 (Donau City Church)
 Donaucitystrasse 26
 1220 Vienna

AGAPE will follow after the mass. We are accepting sponsorships from families/individuals, groups and/or organizations. Please get in touch with Fr. Joey Demoy.

CONFIRMATION/FIRMUNG 2006

The confirmation will be held on 4 June 2006. It is open for children ages 14 years old and above.

For those interested, application forms are

available after the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, please contact Fr. Joey Demoy or any of the Lay Ministers.

"CHRISTMAS CONCERT"

10 December 2005, 7 p.m.
 Prayner Music Conservatorium
 Muehlgasse 28-30, 1040 Vienna

Sponsor tickets: Euro 50, 40, 20
 Normal tickets: Euro 10

Organized seating
 Tickets on sale starting early November

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FIRST COMMUNION

16 April 2006 Easter Sunday
 For those interested, please contact Fr. Joey Demoy

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and celebrated whenever people gather for the Eucharist.

In the traditional language, this fellowship of the faithful includes *the church triumphant* (saints in heaven), *the church militant* (the pilgrim church on earth, *where we belong*) and *the church suffering* (those in purgatory). Among the three there is a continual exchange of spiritual goods and aids.

Thus, we, the church militant, help the church suffering with our prayers and sacrifices; with their intercession,

the church triumphant also helps us and those in purgatory; and the church suffering will also eventually help us when they reach the blessedness of heaven.

Thus, with these two feasts, two important reminders are given to us - that God is the cause of the blessedness of all saints in heaven and that we need to pray for all the souls in purgatory not only during November but as often as we can.

References:
Catechism of the Catholic Church / Greg Dues,
Catholic Customs and Traditions. A Popular
Guide/ Rev. Peter Klein, ed., The Catholic
Source Book

Halloween Trivia

Did you know that

- Although there are many theories on the origin and history of Halloween, it is generally accepted that Halloween dates back to an ancient Celtic festival known as Samhain, or the Celtic New Year. It was believed that the spirits of everyone who had died during the year would return on the eve of Samhain to seek living bodies to possess for the following year. The Celts would dress in ghoulish costumes and hold noisy revels in an attempt to frighten away these spirits. Food and drink was also offered to pacify the dead. There are many tales of unfortunate souls being burned at the stake because they were perceived to have been possessed by one of the returning spirits. Around the turn of the first century AD, Romans abandoned this custom of human sacrifice in favor of the burning of effigies.
- The world's largest pumpkin ever grown stands at 1,469 pounds. It was grown by Larry Checkon of North Cambria, Pennsylvania. It was weighed in on 1 October 2005 at the Pennsylvania Giant Pumpkin Growers Weighoff.
- Samhainophobia refers to an abnormal and persistent fear of Halloween. This time of year may also stir up other phobias such as the fear of: cats (ailurophobia), witches (wiccaphobia), ghosts (phasmophobia), spiders (arachnophobia), the dark (nyctophobia), and cemeteries (coimetrophobia).
- It is believed that the Irish began the tradition of Trick or Treating. In preparation for All Hallow's Eve, Irish townfolk would visit neighbors and ask for contributions of food for a feast in the town.

Schedule of Activities for the Month of November 2005



Date	Time	Activities	Place
01 Nov. Tue.	11:00h	All Saints Day Mass	Maria vom Berge Karmel*
04 Nov. Fri.	18:30h	First Friday Mass	Maria vom Berge Karmel
05 Nov. Sat.	19:00h	Anticipated Mass	Stephansdom
06 Nov. Sun.	11:00h	Sunday Community Mass	Maria vom Berge Karmel
06 Nov. Sun.	17:00h	Sunday Mass	Christus, Hoffnung der Welt**
09 Nov. Wed.	12:30h	Novena Mass to Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Christus, Hoffnung der Welt
09 Nov. Wed.	18:30h	Novena Mass to Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Pfarre Mariahilf***
12 Nov. Sat.	19:00h	Anticipated Mass	Stephansdom
13 Nov. Sun.	11:00h	Sunday Community Mass	Maria vom Berge Karmel
13 Nov. Sun.	17:00h	Sunday Mass	Christus, Hoffnung der Welt
16 Nov. Wed.	12:30h	Novena Mass to Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Christus, Hoffnung der Welt
16 Nov. Wed.	18:30h	Novena Mass to Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Pfarre Mariahilf
19 Nov. Sat.	19:00h	Anticipated Mass	Stephansdom
20 Nov. Sun.	11:00h	Sunday Community Mass	Maria vom Berge Karmel
20 Nov. Sun.	17:00h	Sunday Mass	Christus, Hoffnung der Welt
23 Nov. Wed.	12:30h	Novena Mass to Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Christus, Hoffnung der Welt
23 Nov. Wed.	18:30h	Novena Mass to Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Pfarre Mariahilf
25 Nov. Fri.	18:30h	Last Friday Mass/ Novena to Our Lady of Peñafrancia	Maria vom Berge Karmel
26 Nov. Sat.	19:00h	Anticipated Mass	Stephansdom
27 Nov. Sun.	11:00h	Sunday Community Mass	Maria vom Berge Karmel
27 Nov. Sun.	17:00h	Sunday Mass	Christus, Hoffnung der Welt
30 Nov. Wed.	12:30h	Novena Mass to Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Christus, Hoffnung der Welt
30 Nov. Wed.	18:30h	Novena Mass to Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Pfarre Mariahilf

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